In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. (Presently Amended) A Ppicture frame, comprising several frame ledges—(10) and connecting elements—(12) for releasably connecting adjacent frame ledges—(10), wherein insertion pockets—(18) are provided in the frame ledges—(10) and/or the connecting elements—(12) into which the connecting elements—(12) and/or frame ledges (10) are insertable.
- 2. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to claim 1, characterized in that the wherein said</u> connection is effected by friction.
- 3. (Presently Amended) The Ppicture frame according to claim 1—or—2, characterized in that, further comprising friction elements (44,46) are connected with the frame ledges (10) and/or the connecting elements-(12).
- 4. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to claim 3, characterized in that said friction elements are lamellae (44,46) are provided as friction elements.</u>
- 5. (Presently Amended) The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1—4, characterized in that the wherein said connecting elements (12) comprise a corner portion (58) that is in substantial alignment with the outer contours of the frame ledges (10) in the mounted state.

6. (Presently Amended) The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1—5, characterized in that at further comprising at least two ledge rear sides (22) of the frame ledges (10), first fastening elements (34) for a releasable connection with second fastening elements (34) provided on a picture (32) adapted to be stretched onto the frame -are provided.

7. (Presently Amended) A Ppicture frame, comprising:

frame ledges-(10) connected to form a frame, and

first fastening elements—(24) provided at at least two ledge rear sides—(22), for being releasably connected with second fastening elements—(34) provided on a picture—(32) adapted to be stretched onto the frame.

- 8. (Presently Amended) The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1—7, characterized in that wherein said first fastening elements (24) are provided at all ledge rear sides—(22), said first fastening elements cooperating with second fastening elements—(34) arranged at the picture—(32).
- 9. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1 _ 8 _ 7</u>, eharacterized in that the wherein said fastening elements (24) substantially extend over the entire length of the ledge rear sides (22).
- 10. (Presently Amended) The pPicture frame according to one of claims 1 _ 9_7, characterized in that the wherein said frame ledges (10) have a groove (26) at the ledge rear side (22), for receiving the first fastening elements (24).

- 11. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1 _ 10_7</u>, eharacterized in that the wherein said fastening elements (24,34) cooperate in correspondence with a Velcro fastener.
- 12. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1 11 7</u>, characterized in that the wherein said frame ledges (10) are configured as hollow profiles.
- (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1 12 7</u>, characterized in that <u>further comprising</u> a protrusion (38) which is provided at the a ledge front sides (36) of the frame ledges (10), for keeping the picture (32), in the stretched state, at a distance (a) to the said ledge front side (36).
- 14. (Presently Amended) The pPicture frame according to one of claims 1—137, characterized in that wherein at least one frame ledge—(10) comprises a longitudinally extending groove—(40) for receiving wall mountings—(14) and/or spacers—(16).
- 15. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to claim 14</u>, characterized in that the wherein said groove (40) is provided at the ledge inside (42).
- 16. (Presently Amended) The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1 157, characterized in that all wherein said frame ledges (10) each have the same cross-sectional profile.

- 17. (Presently Amended) <u>The Ppicture frame according to one of claims 1—167</u>, characterized in that the wherein said picture—(32) is adapted to be stretched consists of elastic material, particularly cloth.
- 18. (Presently Amended) A Wwall mounting comprising (a) a picture frame comprising several frame ledges and connecting elements for releasably connecting adjacent frame ledges, wherein insertion pockets are provided in the frame ledges and/or the connecting elements into which the connecting elements and/or frame ledges are insertable; and (b), particularly for picture frames according to one of claims 1 17, comprising an integrated spirit level (78).
- 19. (Presently Amended) <u>The Wwall mounting according to claim 18, further comprising characterized by mounting slots (80,82)</u> extending at right angles with respect to each other, for the mounting to a wall.
- 20. (Presently Amended) The wWall mounting according to claim 18—or—19, eharacterized by further comprising a projection—(84) adapted to be inserted into a the groove—(40) of the frame ledge—(10).
- 21. (Presently Amended) The wWall mounting according to one of claims 198 20, characterized by further comprising spacing projections (86,88) between which the mounting slots (18,22) are arranged.